Convenient Place the Empire Building for Meetings and Greetings.

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demure-looking young woman, wearing a big hat covered with a dotted veil, a nest black waist and a long coat which ropped nearly to her heels, walked up and down the long corridor of the Empire Building, at 71 Broadway, late one afternoon last week. Every few minutes she looked at a ratch which she wore pinned to her waist

But the demure girl did not see the person whom she sought

Little by little her forehead assumed a frown: she tapped the floor with her little patent-leather shod foot, first nervously, then impatiently, always keeping her eyes on the swinging doors leading out on to Broadway. She strode restlessly up and



down the corridor and then, returning to the alcove, drew from the pocket of her coat a letter, glanced through the single business-like looking sheet and back again at her watch. The scowl grew deeper At length she approached the telephone

call and disappeared in the direction of the elevated station. The telephone operator laughed. "An-other of them busted dates," he remarked

to a Westerner who had just approached Did you mean that young woman who just left?" asked the stranger, who had seen the young woman and had noticed

her agitation. "Sure, didn't you figure that out?" re-plied the telephone man. "Didn't you see her look at the clock and watch the door and then call up and find that he had gone home without keeping the date he had with her. She's mad and if he makes it

up with her it'll cost him the price of two

hustling through the passageway now. Here and there a man or woman stopped in one of the alcoves or became very much interested in looking at the array of books in the book stall or gazing into the florist's window at the rear end of the hallway. And as the crowd grew so did the number of those who tarried. There were a number of good-looking girls wearing long coats and rakish, floppy picture hats; blondes and brunettes, some almost bold, others of the demure type who turned away and dropped their eyes when a young man happened to turn his glance their way. There were young men waiting, too, plenty of them, and here and there was an old gentleman with hair touched with gray who puffed a black cigar and looked bored. The Westerner noticed them all and wandered back to the telephone operator.

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At length she approached the telephone booth at one side of the corridor, hesitated a moment, looked for the last time toward the swinging doors and said to the operator.

"Give me 0-0-0 John."

In a moment the operator, who had watched her actions, snapped down his little lever and heard the conversation:

"Is this Jones & Jones?"

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"Is Mr. Smith there—Mr. Harry Smith, I mean?"

"No he went home an hour ago."

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"Well." the demure maiden's voice had a very decided ring now, "please tell him to-morrow that somebody called him up and said that he needn't come on Saturday night as he had planned. Tell him it is absolutely impossible, please. Good-by."

Then the young woman with a sure-enough scowl on her face now, paid for her service and people, scemingly etcless, was stream of people, scemingly etcless, was stream of people, scemingly etcless, was the answer. "There's mere date of that play either, and I he asked.

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on," said he. "They have all made dates and are keeping them, but who are they all, anyway?"

"You're from the West, aren't you?"
was the answer.

"Chicago? Yes! Well, don't the employers out there take their typewriter girls to dinner and the theatre? That's what this bunch is doing. You see, there are a good many heads of firms down

in this part of town who think they have to put on a front before their clerks, so they don't appear to notice their ste-nographers at all during office hours; but they work things, all right.

"One of the girls told me how it is done and of course I hear a lot of it going over



A DATE FOR DINNER.

the wires. The old man will just tell a girl to meet him in this arcade while he is dictating his letters, and she shows up first. Pretty soon he comes along, and then there's a little dinner party, the theatre and a cold bottle and a bird after the show.' They think that they won't be noticed in this crowd, and the chances are that they won't.

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"Same way with the clerks. They don't want the boss to think that they are sweet on the stenographers, so they meet here



HE DIDN'T SHOW UP

after office hours. I know one head of a firm who calls up a young lady who pounds a typewriter in this building, and away they go together. I tell you, the typewriters have a mighty good time in this part of town.

mighty handy, and they all seem to en-joy it. That is, most all.

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"Why the qualification?" asked the stranger.

"I was thinking," said the knowing one, "about a story that I heard about a girl named Nellie in the John street telephone exchange. She had the nicest laugh you ever heard in your life. Why, to hear that voice of hers tell you the wire was busy was worth calling up for, and every one thought that she must be about the prettiest thing that ever wandered down the arcade.

"There was a young clerk in an office around here whose 'phone was on Nellie's board and he learned to know her voice. After a little he got to talking with her over the wire, though it was against the rules. They got to calling each other "Larry" and "Nellie," and were awfully chummy at a distance.

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"Nellie," and were awfully chummy at a distance.

"Finally one day he proposed to take her to dinner and the theatre, and said he would wear a carnation in the lapel of his coat. She said she would carry a newspaper rolled up in her left hand, and they agreed to meet hars in the arcade.

"Well, he came around ahead of time, and pretty soon along comes the homellest girl you ever saw, who runs up to him and

'Here I am, Larry, now let's run right "Well, he had to make good, of course, but he has never made any dates for the Empire Building since. He's married and settled down now."

"Did you ever hear of any of these dates resulting in a marriage?" asked the West-

erner. "Sure." said the operator. "The rapers



THE HEAD OF THE FIRM ENTERTAINS.

don't always get hold of the stories, but every little while some rich banker gets married to a typewriter or a manicure girl and you may be dead sure that it all began with a flirtation in which the Empire Building was the starting point."

The crowds had dwindled by that time. The line of waiters along the side of the passageway had dwindled, and at first sight the Westerner thought that not one remained. But just as he looked a second time he spied an old woman with white hair smoothly parted in the middle. She wore a severe black dress and carried an umbrella. But she didn't have long to wait. An old man swung in from Broadway a moment later.

"Why, what are you doing here, mother?" he asked.

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"I've been to Brooklyn and knew I would catch you just at this time, "she answered.
"Even the old people meet here," mused the Westerner as he followed them to the elevated station, "but I'll bet he was more glad to see her than any of the others were to keep their trysts. Anyway, he looked as though he was."



DAWN OF A NEW PROFESSION.

HALP AN HOUR LATE! made up the stream of homegoers which rushed toward the rear of the hallway to

the Rector street elevated railroad station.

AT'S FOR WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN AND IT IS A GOOD ONE.

The Training of Librarians and its Development Into a Calling in Equal Standing With the law or Medicine The State Has Taken It Up -Its Rewards.

In the wing of the capitol at Albany de-Toted to the State Library there is being eveloped a new profession. It is not yet fifteen years old, so, comparatively aking, it is a mere infant. One of the most interesting things about

It is that it is a profession equally suited to men and women. In fact, in the numer of its members the latter predominate, and their proportion in its ranks is inpressing every year, so that in a world erying aloud for new occupations providing living for the educated woman who would be self-dependent it is a boon. The rewards are substantial and the work interesting, and to the world, of great and lar-reaching importance.

This new profession is that of the trained Averian. As a profession it has been in listence only since isse, yet in methods and membership it has made rapid strides. Its graduates now hold degrees attesting their proficiency, and the ruling powers in one State, Illinois, have imitated New York in taking up the profession and sendtamp upon their credentials to prove that

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no place where they could be trained. So t was not uncommon for young men and women of good parts, just the very people to manage a library in the right way if vain for opportunities to fit themselves

State Regents in the Capitol at Albany, has changed that. It takes the promising raw material and turns it out equipped to handle a big book-serving enterprise and with a hallmark about the value of which there is no doubt, to distinguish the genuine from the pretended.

Columbia University started the Library School in this State. It is considered an axiom among librarians that 10,000 volumes catalogued and administered in the best ful than 30,000 treated unintelligently. President Barnard of Columbia, nearly twenty years ago, decided that if the uniadminister books in the right way it would add greatly to its educational usefulness. The president talked the matter over with

But after a year or two they consented, to try and Melvil Dewey, the present State Librarian, who has been largely responsible for the scientific development of the library system in this State and then was the librarian at Columbia. was authorized to open a training school in the craft.

It was started down in the old Columbia University trailding in Madison avenue with a class of twenty the trustees had talked of a limit of ten and a three months' course. At the end of the three months, in response to a petition of the class, a fourth month was added. In the second year, must of the first year's students on rolled again and the session was extended to seven months. Experiment had proved that there was a whole lot more to learn about library economy that had been

two years. Than the Regents of the State Linearity now in it at appartunity for extending popular education, which was directly in line with their field of work. They were developing the literary system in the hinte to a degree decision to leave every other political division in this country school and in the library school they saw a tenter wangest for increasing estacutantal efficiency in literaries that may they had

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ONE WOMAN'S VIEW OF CHESS.

SHE CALLS FOR A LEAGUE OF WIVES AGAINST IT.

Worse Than Bridge When It Enters a House hold, She Declares, and Injurious to Temptation of a Well-Meaning Doctor.

"Talk about the craze for bridge whist!" said the old young woman to the young old woman as they seated themselves at a table in the tea room of the hotel. Immediately all the women at the table

near by settled themselves to listen. The word "bridge" had caught the crowd. "It isn't in it with the craze for chess. Do you know, I believe chess is positively ! immoral," she went on, warming to her

"Tommy rot!" retorted her companion. "Only a few people play chess, but bridge has taken hold of every one. I actually heard of a children's party on the avenue the other day at which the youngsters amused themselves at bridge Besides, people never gamble at chess. It seems quite a Sunday school pienie game to me." "It does, does it?" returned the old young woman "Your husband evidents ten's a chees player. Tod is, and you say these players don't gamble? Well, Tod and his chum. Freddie, yield up one to the other \$10 for the best three games out of five

woman, one, mind you, with sense enough to play a good game. When he asserts

is a little given to exaggeration.

"Now here's the fumy point of it all.

When the dear doctor comes in to call of an evening and does not find Freddie there he says to Tod.

"Til play you just one game."

'It's a go,' says Tod. *Those two men sit down and they enter "Those two men sit down and they enter upon a regular chess debauch. The clock strikes one, two, three. Stop? No, never until the dawn begins to melt into day.

"The doctor goes away in a cold sweat and leaves Tod pale, whid-eyed and dripping with moisture that is anything but tepid and he comes sneaking to ted, but not to skep. The next day and, indeed, for days after, Tod is nervous, unstrang, irritable, fretful and the doctor positively ill. Indeed, Freddie and Tod play so much that they are doped half the time, I tell them."

players don't gamble? Well, Tod and his chum. Freshide, yield up one to the other \$10 for the bast three games out of five every time they play. And they play every night.

They always tell me they keep even just to heep me it good humor but I know botter. That's another point three does not improve but impairs, the morals I am convinced.

'And as for manners, a real chose player than more white he is under the influence of the reputy on the humar. When it comes to health, I know chose playing hurts it. There's converbing shout the game that makes it impossible for a devatore to play it moderation. Now there's our dear fascinaring does or, himself a fine emorgial school polyer to have not some across the health of the great Lasker.

"Farsho me, interrupted a white-haired woman is casing over from the next table of cannot restrain my intersect in your discussion, for any cident son has given up to some. Toll me what have not start and improfession for chase son the inemit, corporabily on that of a heave of the given the profession for chase and I fear that will go one. Tell me what have remarked the given to profession for chase and I fear that will go one. Tell me what have remarked the interrupted of a regard of the control of the some is not control to the great that the given to have an amount of the control of the c

fools to play as many games in an evening as they do and idiots to play every evening.

'He declares that a really nervous person should never play chess at all, as it causes sleeplessness, even in the strong-nerved, and that chess is only beneficial in homoeopathic doses to the perfectly normal man. He says that it should never, never, never be played immediately after eating, as it arrests one's digestion and that a tired man plays chess at his mental and physical peril.

'He agrees perfectly with Tod and Freddie that chess is the most intellectual game on earth, but being much older in years and experience he admits that he has met one woman, one, mind you, with sense enough

new opening.
"Spencer? Spencer? Who is Spencer?"
the erstwhile clever Freddie asked in a

the erstwhile clever Freddie asked in a trance-like voice.

"Spencer was a butterfly who stamped," answered I with withering sarcasm, but 'twas all lost.

"Oh, yes, yes, yes,' answered the absorbed youth. 'I remember perfectly now, Mate in two moves, Tod.

"Mate blankety blank, blank fool, cheerfully responded Tod, and that remitteds me that Tod never in his life swore in my presence until he developed the craze for chess.

I tell you chess is a demoralizing game, it gets on a man's nerves and morals and

It gets on a man's nerves and morals and manners and makes him uncomfortable to live with. It can make a woman spend more dull, stient evenings than all the dumb people in this universe, and cause her to wish she'd never been born.

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I part Tub of Branges. A fire, for instance, attracts all sorts of people, old and young, and then there are notice happenings that attract the youthful

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